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**Subject:** RE: Notes from today's weekly SDWA Orders compliance check-in with Warm Springs

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Also below are last week's notes for reference.

**Call Notes – August 7, 2019:**

**High level messages:**

Distribution system construction is underway, with 2 of the 7 pressure relief valves (PRVs) already in place. Original plan was to have all the main 5 PRVs/ vaults done by end of this week, which is still possible, but a parts issue may cause repair to run into next week. Once work is finished, pipes can be re-pressurized, flushed, tested, and brought back into service with boil water notice lifted depending on test results. This could happen as early as next Wednesday. Alternative water station and boil water notice will remain in place until then. Warm Springs will be using HUD grants to recoup their costs for this work.

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Soon after system stabilization, Warm Springs needs to move to focusing on the 120-day engineering assessment. Warm Springs has funding for this assessment, and it will be performed by PDG, same firm that did the distribution system stabilization work. PDG and EPA have had some initial scoping conversations on this assessment.

EPA (Baron) will be on-site again for monthly briefing of Tribal Council on August 12. At that point, EPA will also do a walk through to see status of distribution system work and review progress under the orders generally.

Next funders meeting has been postponed.

## Detailed Call Notes – August 7, 2019:

### 1. Distribution system

- Status of emergency distribution system repairs and project for restoring service
  - Of the 5, 2 are replaced for vault service Industrial complex (Monday), and Catholic church vault to serving agency area (Tuesday), now working on George street vault, then tomorrow repair vaults for Greely heights and West Hills. Greely and West Hills already Clay-type valves - just need to be rebuilt. So 5 of the 7 in by end of the week. George street vaults is the main issue - line was bigger - 12" line, thought was 10". A 12" to 10" reducer with a 4" bypass needs to be requisitioned, hopefully on site tomorrow, but may be a custom piece that needs to be cut. Also ran in to class 300 flange - different bolt pattern from 150 flange. Reduction in size shouldn't reduce flow because already reduced to 8" inch in side vault.
- Any updates on monitoring/ sampling - intent was to start sampling Monday for first round of Bacti, second round on Wednesday. But might be delayed. **EPA confirms that all is needed are two rounds of sampling showing non-detect on Bacti and at least .2 residual chlorine from the following bact monitoring locations: WS-04, WS-07, WS-10, WS-13, WS-14, WS-16, WS-19, WS-22, WS-25, WS-28, WS-30, WS-32, WS-35. See WQMP for location ID.**
- Any updates on alt. water provisions - still open and serving water
- Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1 - talked to Ladd about over structure on top of tank – Ladd said he was okay, but Adam will verify in writing. Adam requested some sort of drawing from Travis that EPA could review – Travis will send. No update for IHSs on scope of work with Derrick. Need to get bids out in order to use USDA dollars. Contractor officer Tribal employment rights office to negotiate contract. This is all screen repair and water reroute, HVAC, pump replacement. Have plans from IHSs but not yet scope of work to put out bids for contracts. EPA will review status when on site next week. Travis sent email with plan from Derick at IHSs for background.

### 2. Plant operations

- Evidence of sedimentation tank cleaned - done
- Shift log conversation and getting coagulation SOP in place – SOP not being implemented. Baron relayed conversation with Steve Courtney on Monday, where Steve wouldn't do it without on-site training. Baron said they are required to start and EPA will trouble shoot with them if they get stuck. Chico noted they are certified operators and should know how to do it. Need to have evidence that they are doing it by briefing on Monday. Must be accountable for their workload. **Otherwise, Baron will report out that they are in violation with the requirement of the 1431 Order.**
- Training operators on event response requirements in emergency order - done
- Status of SOP changes/ contracts to meet repairs required at water plant in compliance order, due Oct 1 - see above.

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3. Any updates on alt. water provisions - still open and being used. Emergency Plan updated and submitted?
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4. Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1
  - Chico met with fabricator last Friday. Looking at prefab ladders first, but may have to be custom. Glass line tanks, could break with the welding, cause contamination. Might have to drain tanks after. Also looking at over frame concept for hatches. Maybe over frame bolted to hinges as workaround the rust issues. Detail drawn up to EPA before they move forward. Also lots going on

waste water side contracting, getting bids in for septic tank replacement. IHSs putting together a scope of work for intake screen. HVAC moving forward with McDonald Miller as contractor. Looking to electrical and SCADA.

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### Call Notes – July 24, 2019:

1. Distribution system
  - Status of emergency distribution system repairs and project for restoring service - All contractors have POs in place, materials can be ordered and delivered. July 29th for Gelco assembly in their yard - following week for five valves installed, industrial complex valve, west hills. Aug 5th start and then Aug 9th done, then electrical upgrades in vaults. Sampling to EPA week of Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, if good BWN can be lifted.
2. Any updates on monitoring/ sampling –
  - probably sampling week of Aug 12th
3. Any updates on alt. water provisions - still open and being used. Emergency Plan updated and submitted?
  - Not yet done. Travis talked to Alyssa, it's on her stack to work with Dan but is pushed back by other priorities.
4. Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1
  - Chico met with contractor today and went through CAP page by page. Contractor will start ordering parts by Aug 1st deadline. Contractor will provide weekly progress reports based on CAP numbering, which Chico can then share with EPA.



5. Plant operations

- Evidence of sedimentation tank cleaned - done
- Shift log conversation and getting coagulation SOP in place – Chico was waiting back for Baron to contact Lad at IHSs. Lad emails came back that he can't get there until mid-September for Jar Testing training. Chico thinks operators have what they to start, so Chico will require to start each operator to start testing every 12 hr shift beginning July 29th.
- Training operators on event response requirements in emergency order - done
- Status of SOP changes/ contracts to meet repairs required at water plant in compliance order, due Oct 1- see above.

6. Other

- Tribal council requested budget exercise of cutting managers, would be Travis for utilities
- Alyssa requested exercise of giving council numbers on adequate staffing for DW and Waste water side. Will be provided to Tribal Council.
- Baron to brief Tribal Council again on Aug 12<sup>th</sup> – will only be me since things are generally tracking well
- Funders second meeting on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> – Baron won't be there
- RCAC will do distribution system training for operators on residuals, water age, and calculations involved – scheduled for Aug 13 to Aug 15
- Baron laid out idea of EPA funded training done by PDG after engineering assessment recommendation are implemented by tribe – new equipment and SOPs, etc. Asked if they saw any flaws. Said it would be welcome, it would just be about timing up with new equipment install.
- Baron will be doing a compliance inspection along with October monthly briefing to verify compliance with 1414, includes taking pictures of all fixes as evidence of compliance with order.



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- Status of emergency distribution system repairs and project for restoring service.
  - Priority vault set, George street and Catholic street first, then Greely and West Hills(?). PGE price is in and within budget established of 450 K. Plan is to remove golden anderson valves and go to clayton. Gelco will install. PGE purchasing components. Class of flange change for higher PSI rating – inside vault for exit/entry, connect to spools that then connect to clay valves. Availability of parts moves start date to July 29,



planned for 3 days work. Gelco will pre assemble components off site, then deliver to site, gut vaults down to entry and exit lines, then drop in all components. Vaults will still have high flow and low flow lines, low flows as by pass. Gelco has crew of 6, 2 person each vault with one crew focused on removing lid/ prep, then another removing components, then another install. SE and Kah-Ne-Ta vault still left, will cost about 250 K. Still considering how to bring on line as quickly as possible - shock chlorine of lines after install? Maybe can be done before hand to reduce time, maybe just flushing to bacti testing. Bacti results would start coming back in first week of August. Anything else required before BWN? EPA to make clear what data is needed beforehand by check in call on 31st.

- Any updates on monitoring/ sampling
  - see above
- Any updates on alt. water provisions – emergency POCs updated?
  - Tribe has not submitted anything to EPA yet. Dan Martinez – Alyssa – Travis will ask for status.
- Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1.
  - No updates right now b/c Chico focused on valve replacement. Need to start process quickly after water is on or risk missing deadline.
- 2. Plant operations
- Shift log conversation and getting coagulation SOP in place
  - EPA trying to set up training, probably to come from IHS.
- Training operators on event response requirements in emergency order
  - reviewed with them on-site last week and operators showed evidence that they were keeping up with data requirements.
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  - TBD – see above



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